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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

My local internet provider grants my community in the Richmond district of San Francisco, some of the best customer service and internet speeds in the area. I love knowing that the people who work there are from the area and know us on a first name basis. AT&T has a monopoly on the lines that provide us working internet and will stifle any competition in the area that goes against their agenda. They will simply raise prices because nobody else can combat them.

Fiber has played a huge role in helping me connect with relatives in far away locations both inside and outside the US, if I'm unable to reach out to them I'm afraid there will be little need for me to stay here and will look for better opportunities elsewhere as high-quality internet allows me to continue maintaining contact with my family.

In my area are only 2 providers, AT&T and Comcast, who have greedily rigged their prices to match each others, while steadily increasing them in an effort to squeeze as much money as they can in the area, until it reaches a breaking point. Price hikes will force many to leave the area and hinders any competition as the two have a monopoly on the lines in our city's current infrastructure. They actively combat any new development of lines in order to have control over the only internet lines in the area.

We need to save competitive telecom if we want competition to thrive and not allow only the rich to afford the basic service of internet.

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